

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006.

Certain amendments are made to the Specification to place it in better form for examination, responsive to the suggestions set forth in the Office Action.

Substitute drawings are hereby submitted. The substitute drawings correct the multiple inclusions of a single figure as noted in the Office Action.

The Examiner has required election from among the following identified species:

Species I, shown in Figures 1A and 1B;

Species II, shown in Figures 2A and 2B;

Species III, shown in Figure 3;

Species IV, shown in Figure 4;

Species V, shown in Figures 5A and 5B;

Species VI, shown in Figures 6A and 6B;

Species VII, shown in Figures 7A and 7B; and

Species VIII, shown in Figures 8A and 8B.

Applicant elects Species I, illustrated in Figures 1A and 1B. Claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 10 read on Species I. Claims 1, 3-4, 8 and 10 are generic to Species I-II and V-VIII. Claims 5-6 are generic to Species I-II, V-VI and VIII.

This paper is believed to be responsive to all matters addressed in the Office Action. Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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